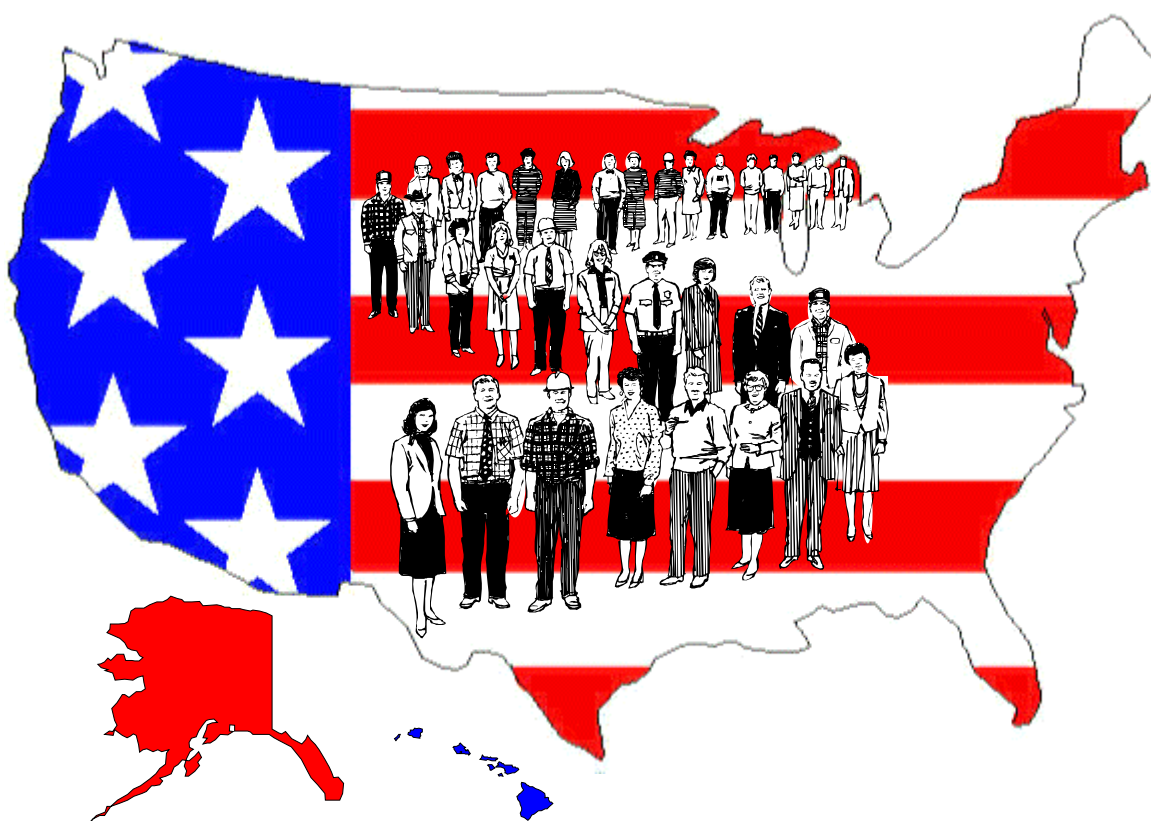


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INTRODUCTION

This report provides information about all SSI disabled and blind¹ recipients who work and receive wages. The report has been divided into three sections—all SSI disabled workers, section 1619 participants, and disabled workers who benefit from other work incentive provisions.

Since the beginning of the SSI program, a number of SSI disabled recipients have worked and received SSI payments. Initially, the program contained a basic earned income exclusion that recognized the additional costs associated with employment. In addition, the law contained a number of special income exclusions that were intended as work incentives. Among these provisions were income exclusions for blind work expenses (BWE), plans for achieving self-support (PASS), and student earned income (SEI).

The 1980 amendments to the Social Security Act established section 1619, and provided additional work incentive provisions to assist SSI recipients in entering the workforce. These included income exclusions for impairment-related work expenses (IRWE), a change in the treatment of sheltered workshop earnings, and the continuation of SSI payments for some individuals whose disability ceased due to medical recovery. This provision was extended to SSI blind recipients in the 1988 amendments.²

Congress enacted these provisions because it concluded that additional incentives were required to help SSI disabled recipients to become self-supporting. They believed that individuals who could work outside of sheltered workshops, might have been

discouraged from doing so by the fear of losing their benefits before they had established for themselves the capability for continued self-support.

Section 1619(a) provides special SSI cash benefits to disabled individuals who lose eligibility for SSI payments because they have earnings at the level that is ordinarily considered to represent substantial gainful activity (SGA). Section 1619(b) provides special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for cash payments.

Under P.L. 99–643, which made section 1619 permanent, disabled individuals on the SSI rolls retain disability status until they medically improve. The distinction between a disabled person eligible for regular SSI benefits and a disabled person eligible for 1619(a) benefits is that the latter has several months with gross earnings above the SGA level (\$500).

Under previous law, 1619(a) status did not begin until after the completion of a trial work period and a determination was made that subsequent work was SGA. A number of the cases were defined as 1619(a) cases after June 1987 as a result of this change in the definition rather than from any change in their work activity.

Beginning January 1990, a number of recipients went from 1619(a) status to regular eligibility status as a result of the increase in the SGA level from \$300 to \$500. This also

¹ Unless specifically excluded and/or listed separately, all references to SSI disabled recipients and workers in this report include persons whose eligibility is based on blindness.

² For a full description of these provisions, see the Appendix.

occurred effective July 1999, when the SGA level was further increased to \$700.

Under section 1619(b), cash payments are not made. However, recipient status for Medicaid purposes continues until earnings reach a plateau that takes into account the person's ability to afford medical care as well as his or her normal living expenses.

The data in this report are based on the SSI caseload at the end of December 1999.

SUMMARY

SSI DISABLED WORKERS

DECEMBER 1999

In December 1999, there were 340,618 SSI disabled beneficiaries who were working (6.4 percent of the total SSI disabled caseload). Included in this count were 69,265 section 1619(b) participants who do not receive an SSI payment, but who have special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes. Almost three-fourths (69.6 percent) of the workers had amounts of earned income below the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level of \$700 per month; 27.0 percent earned \$65 or less.

Among the States, the percentage of disabled workers varied from a low of 2.9 percent in Alabama to a high of 19.7 percent in Iowa. In general, the percentage of disabled workers was higher in the Northern States than in the Southern States.

The majority of these disabled workers were male (53.4 percent). Almost half (46.6 percent) had unearned income; 39.8 percent were receiving social security benefits. Comparable figures for all disabled recipients in December 1999 were: 44.5 percent male, 37.7 percent with unearned income, and 30.5 percent receiving social security benefits.

Disabled workers are more likely to have certain impairments than other disabled recipients. Almost three-fourths (74.3 percent) of the workers had a mental disorder, including 49.3 percent who were diagnosed with mental retardation. This compares to 58.4 percent of all disabled recipients with a

mental disorder, including 24.5 percent with mental retardation.

The greatest use of work incentive provisions was by participants under section 1619—27.8 percent of disabled workers. This included 7.5 percent under section 1619(a), and 20.3 percent under section 1619(b).

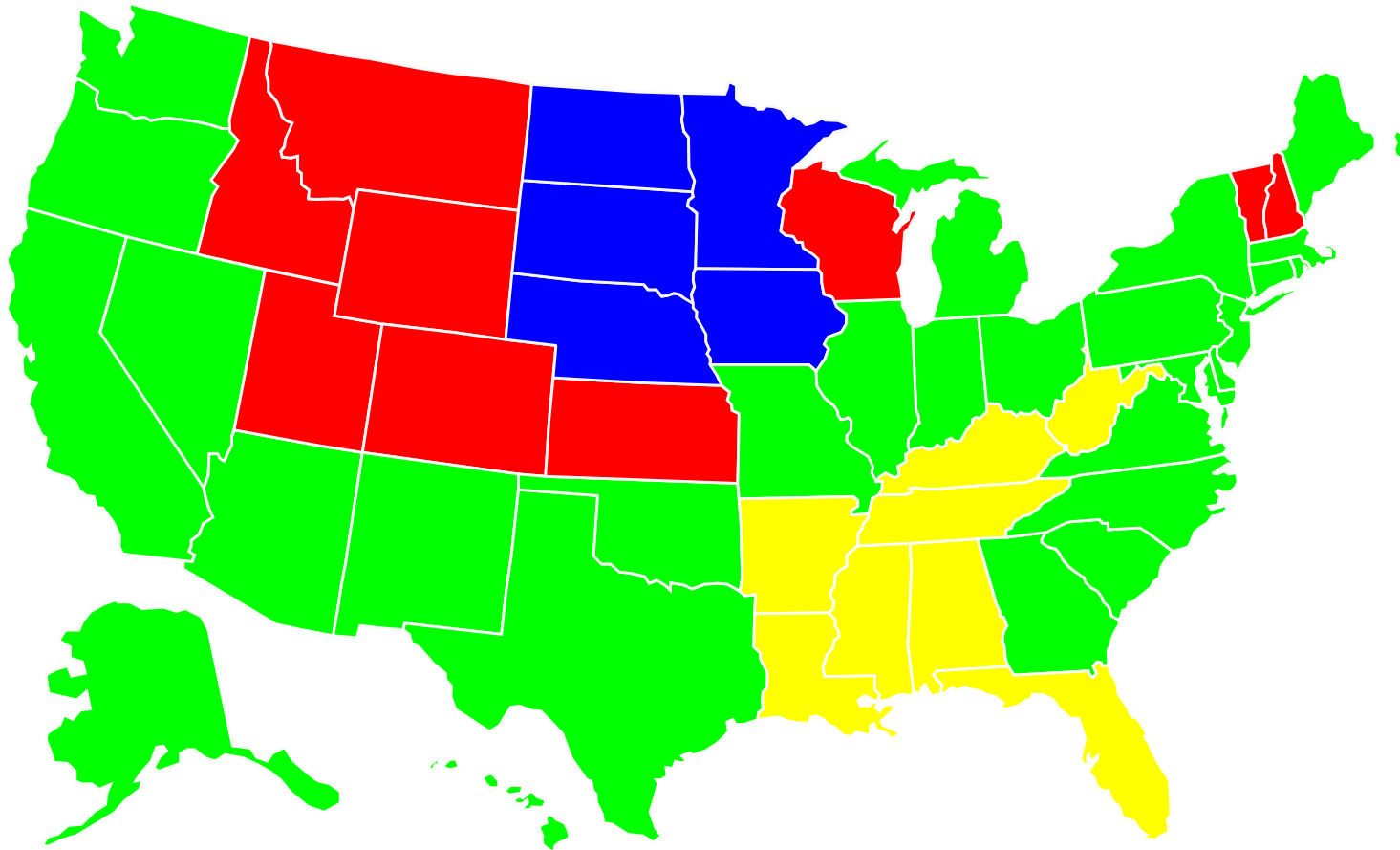
Use of other work incentive provisions continued to have a smaller, but measurable, impact. In December 1999, 4.3 percent of the SSI disabled workers had some of their income excluded under one of these provisions—plan for achieving self support (PASS), (0.3 percent); impairment related work expenses (IRWE), (2.8 percent), or blind work expenses (BWE), (1.2 percent).

A PASS permits an SSI recipient to set aside income and resources to help obtain the training or education necessary for certain specified occupational goals. In December 1999, 327 PASS participants had earnings, which averaged \$584 per month. However, exclusions under a PASS are not limited to earnings. Of the 1,045 disabled recipients with a PASS, over two-thirds (66.8 percent) did not have any earnings reported for December 1999. For this group, the PASS excluded unearned income such as social security benefits. Out of all PASS participants, 120 had a PASS that excluded only resources.

PART I: EXHIBITS

CHART A

**DISABLED WORKERS AS A PERCENT OF ALL DISABLED RECIPIENTS
DECEMBER 1999**



Under 5% 5 - 9.99% 10 - 14.99% 15% or more

CHART B

SSI DISABLED WORKERS, DECEMBER 1987 - 1999

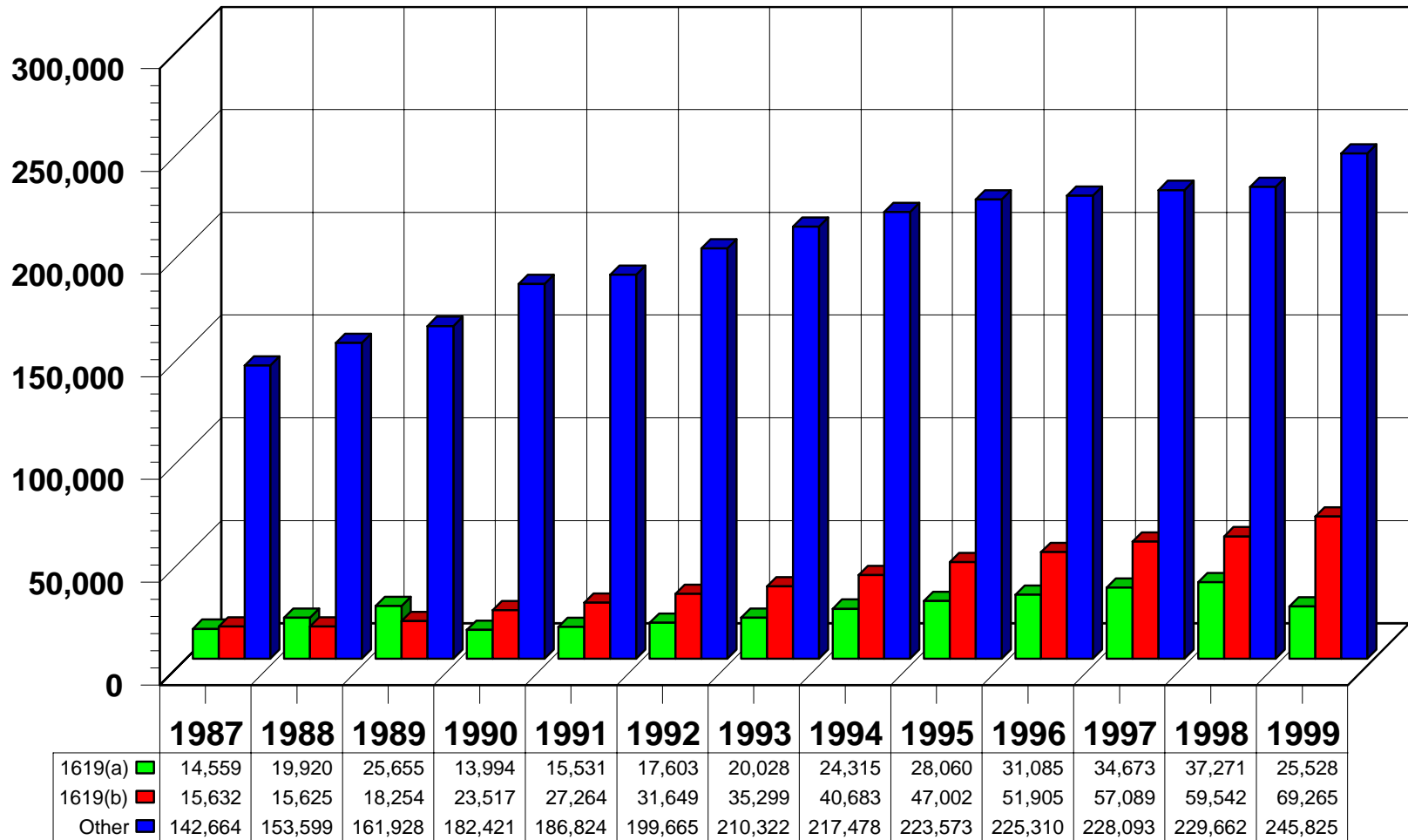
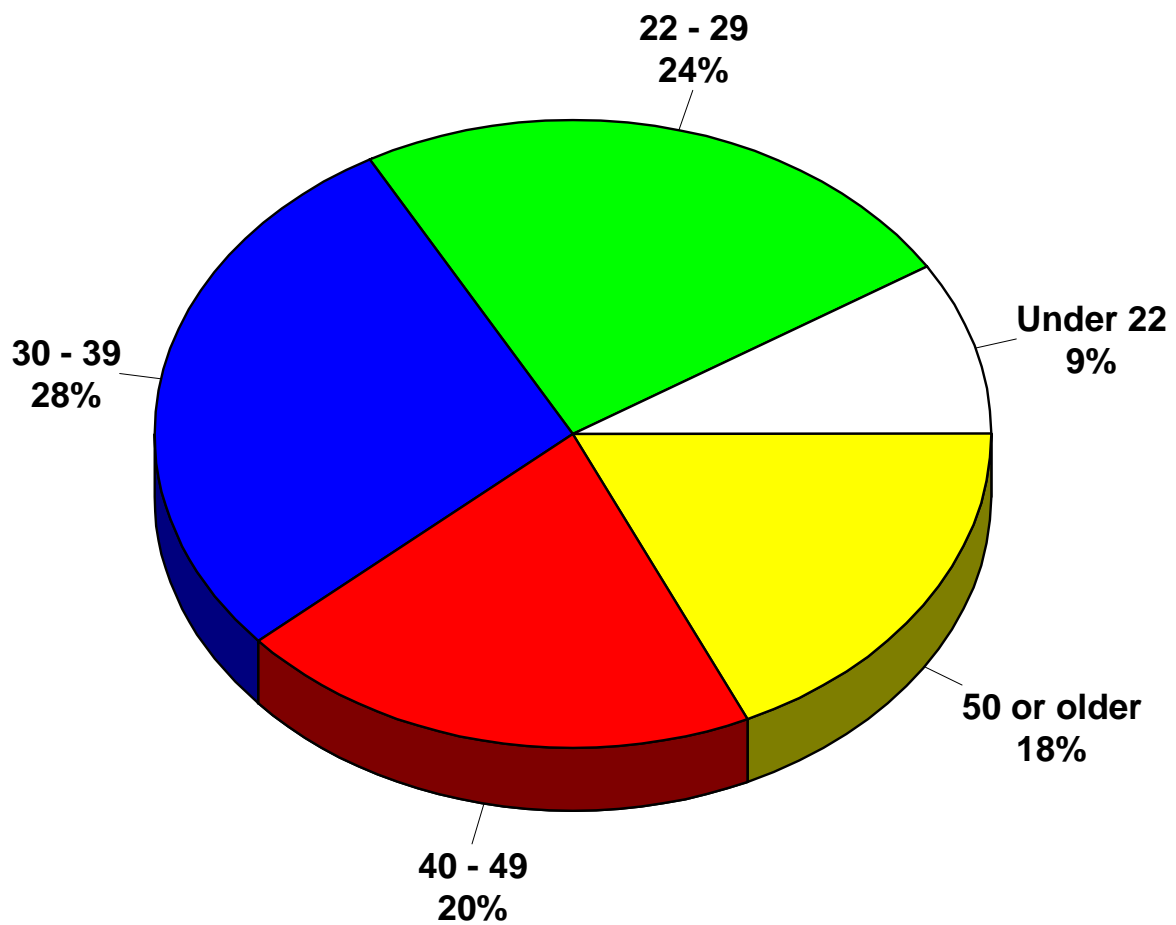


CHART C

AGE OF SSI DISABLED WORKERS DECEMBER 1999

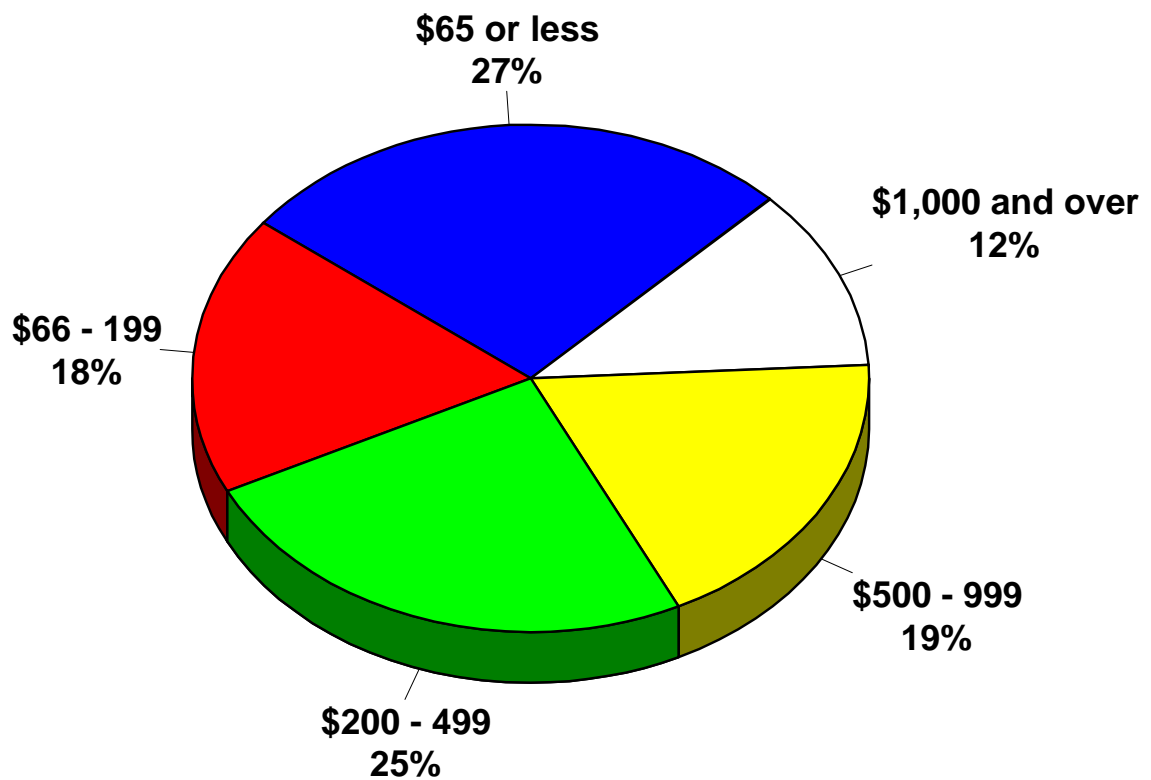


SSI DISABLED WORKERS

Data includes section 1619(b) participants.

CHART D

MONTHLY EARNINGS OF SSI DISABLED WORKERS DECEMBER 1999

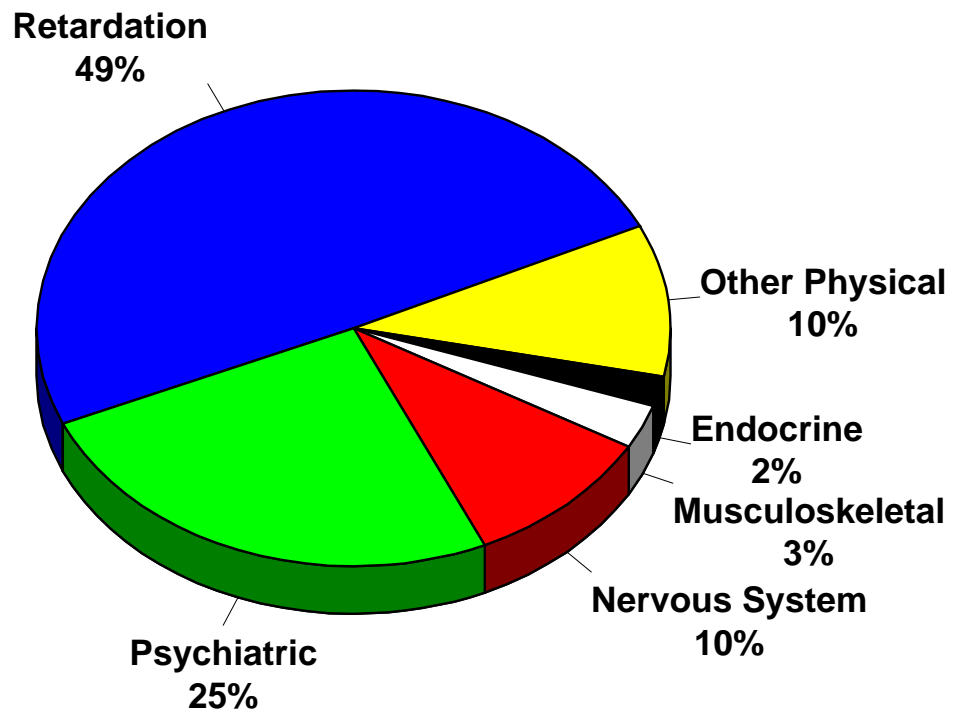


SSI DISABLED WORKERS

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CHART E

DIAGNOSIS OF SSI DISABLED WORKERS DECEMBER 1999

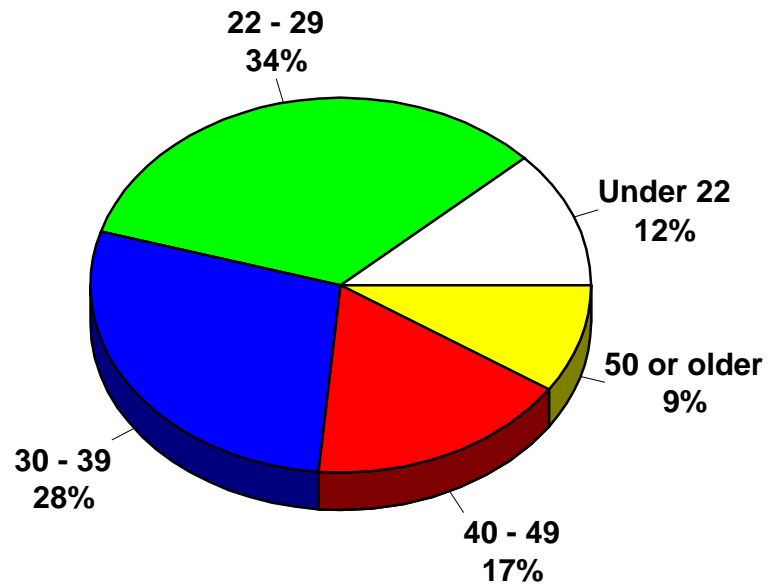


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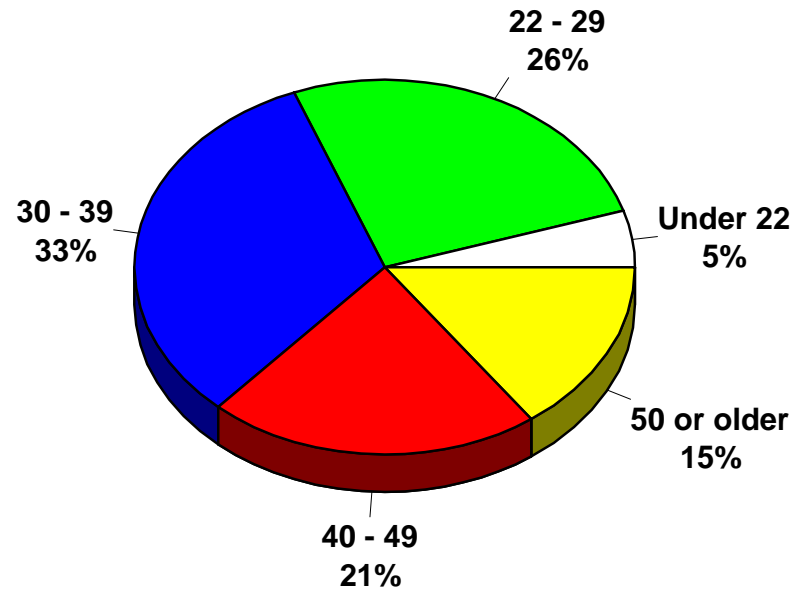
Data includes section 1619(b) participants.

CHART F

AGE OF SECTION 1619 PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 1999



1619(a) PARTICIPANTS



1619(b) PARTICIPANTS

**SECTION 1619 PARTICIPANTS AS A PERCENT OF ALL DISABLED RECIPIENTS
DECEMBER 1999**

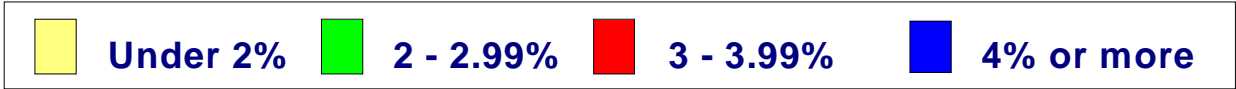
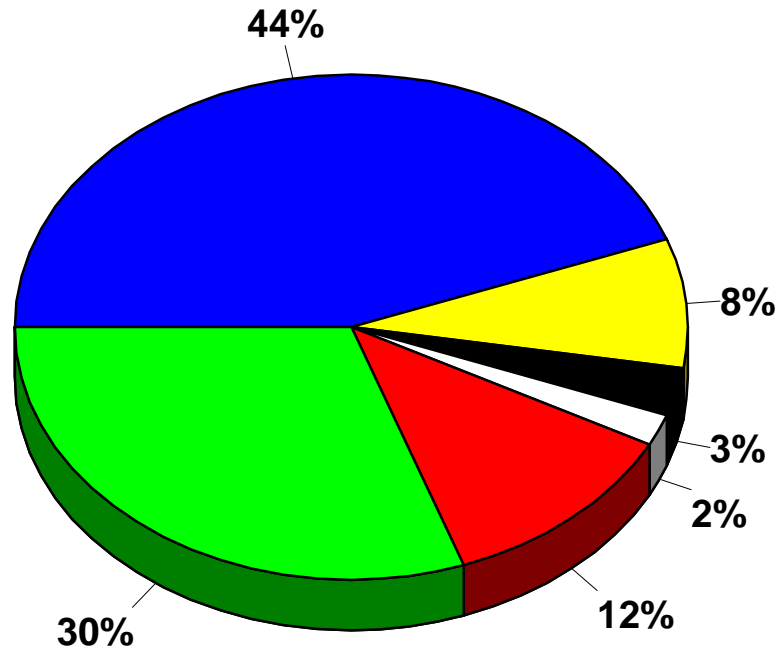
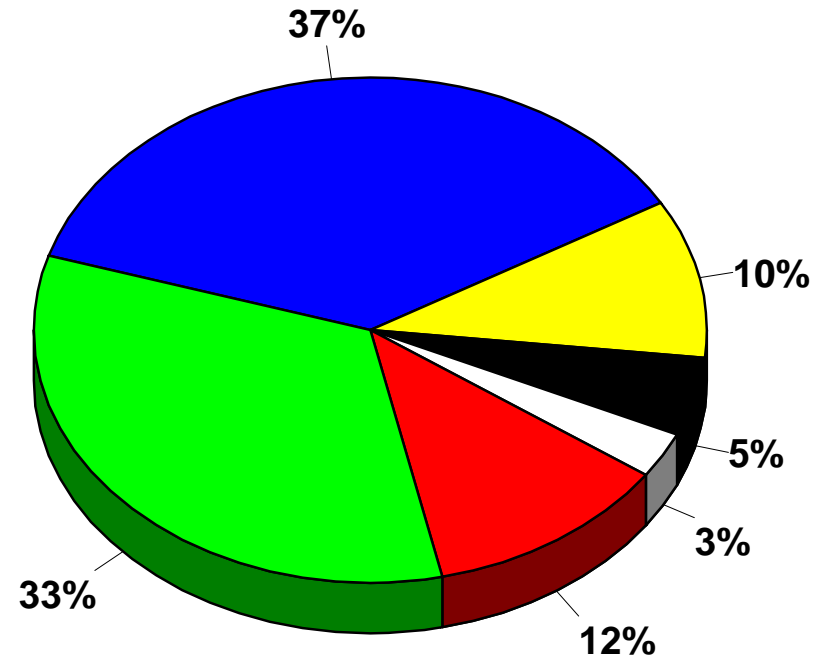


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DIAGNOSIS OF SECTION 1619 PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 1999



1619(a) PARTICIPANTS

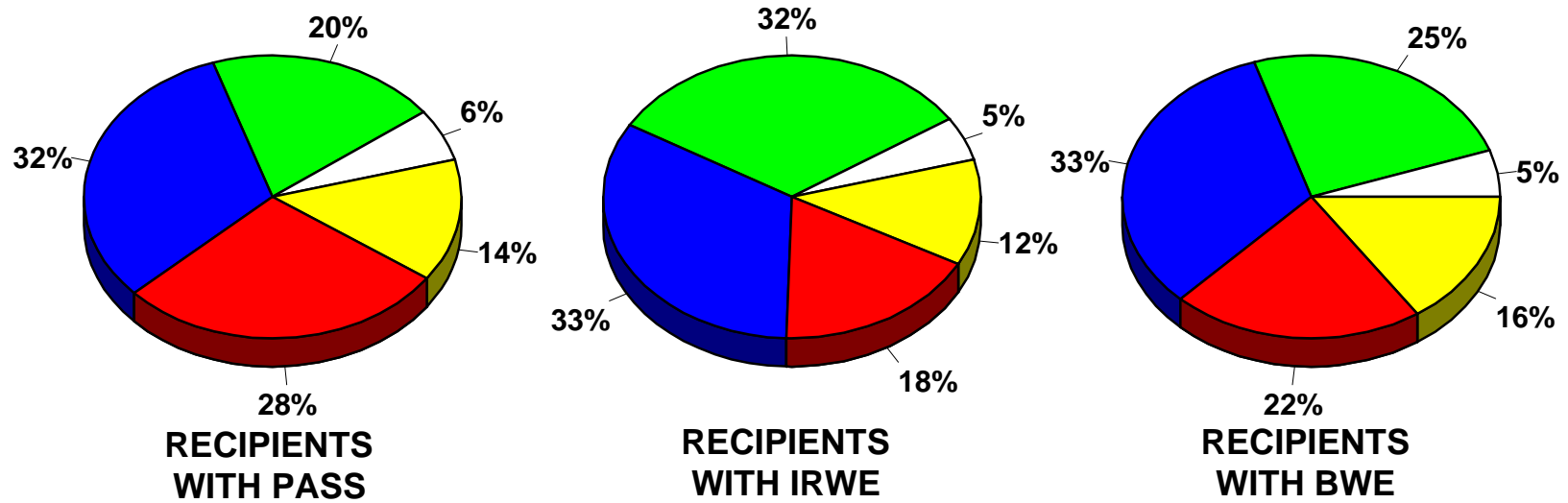


1619(b) PARTICIPANTS

Retardation Psychiatric Nervous System Musculoskeletal Endocrine Other Physical

CHART I

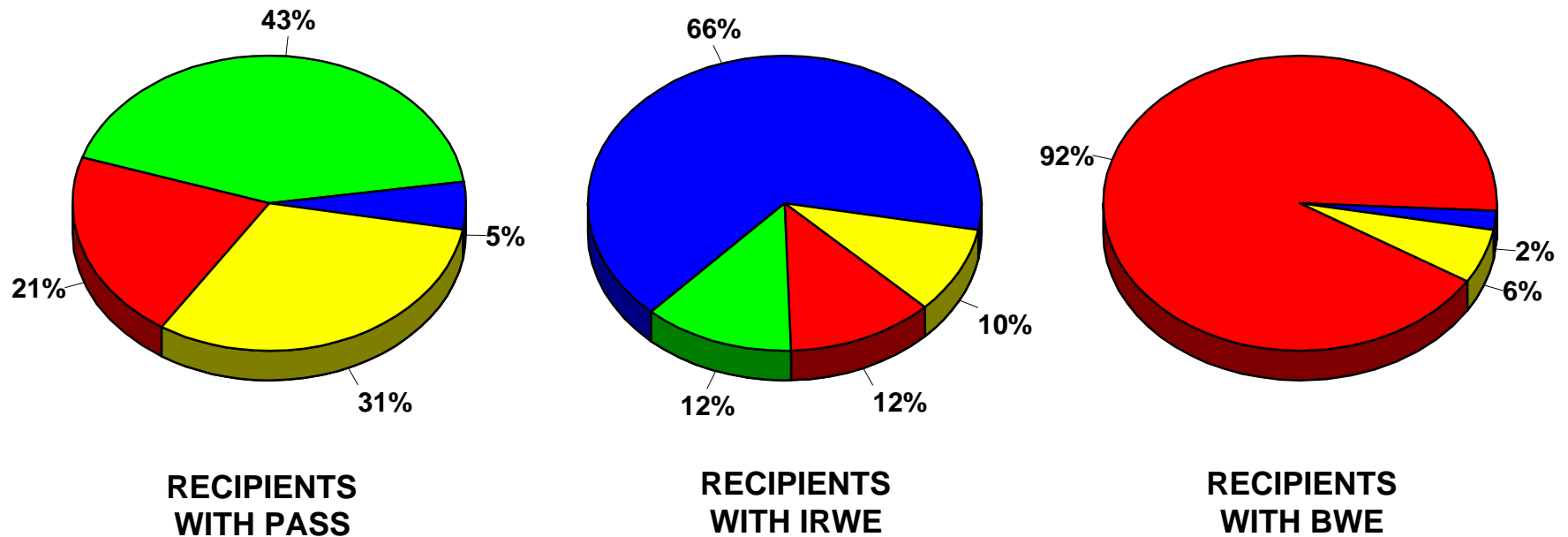
AGE OF SSI WORK INCENTIVE RECIPIENTS DECEMBER 1999



Under 22 22 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 or older

CHART J

DIAGNOSIS OF SSI WORK INCENTIVE RECIPIENTS DECEMBER 1999



Retardation Psychiatric Nervous System Other Physical

PART II: STATISTICAL TABLES

SECTION A: ALL DISABLED WORKERS

Table 1.—Number of SSI disabled recipients and working recipients, for selected months, 1976–1999

| At end of selected month | All disabled SSI recipients ¹ | SSI disabled recipients who work ¹ | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Receiving SSI ² | 1619(b) earners | Percent of disabled recipients |
| December: ³ | | | | |
| 1976 | 2,088,242 | 70,719 | — | 3.4 |
| 1977 | 2,186,771 | 83,697 | — | 3.8 |
| 1978 | 2,249,025 | 87,697 | — | 3.9 |
| 1979 | 2,277,859 | 92,270 | — | 4.1 |
| 1980 | 2,334,241 | 99,276 | — | 4.3 |
| 1981 | 2,340,785 | 102,632 | — | 4.4 |
| 1982 | 2,314,364 | 102,288 | 5,515 | 4.7 |
| 1983 | 2,391,262 | 108,734 | 5,165 | 4.8 |
| 1987 | 2,945,244 | 157,223 | 15,632 | 5.9 |
| 1988 | 3,046,074 | 173,519 | 15,625 | 6.2 |
| 1989 | 3,172,270 | 187,583 | 18,254 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 3,386,603 | 196,415 | 23,517 | 6.5 |
| 1991 | 3,681,050 | 202,355 | 27,264 | 6.2 |
| 1992 | 4,126,816 | 217,268 | 31,649 | 6.0 |
| 1993 | 4,544,777 | 230,350 | 35,299 | 5.8 |
| 1994 | 4,870,564 | 241,793 | 40,683 | 5.8 |
| 1995 | 5,115,014 | 251,633 | 47,002 | 5.8 |
| 1996 | 5,252,991 | 256,395 | 51,905 | 5.9 |
| 1997 | 5,189,724 | 262,766 | 57,089 | 6.2 |
| 1998 | 5,293,829 | 266,933 | 59,542 | 6.2 |
| 1999 | 5,317,861 | 271,353 | 69,265 | 6.4 |
| 1997 | | | | |
| March | 5,223,023 | 261,551 | 48,194 | 5.9 |
| June..... | 5,249,201 | 263,528 | 52,646 | 6.0 |
| September..... | 5,234,877 | 261,856 | 56,872 | 6.1 |
| December..... | 5,189,724 | 262,766 | 57,089 | 6.2 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| March | 5,235,042 | 264,830 | 54,639 | 6.1 |
| June..... | 5,285,950 | 268,628 | 55,761 | 6.1 |
| September..... | 5,312,870 | 272,079 | 58,183 | 6.2 |
| December..... | 5,293,829 | 266,933 | 59,542 | 6.2 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| March | 5,350,722 | 268,866 | 63,431 | 6.2 |
| June..... | 5,354,409 | 270,989 | 66,939 | 6.3 |
| September..... | 5,357,789 | 272,100 | 70,580 | 6.4 |
| December..... | 5,317,861 | 271,353 | 69,265 | 6.4 |

¹ Includes both SSI blind recipients and all section 1619(b) participants.

² Includes 1619(a) participants and SSI recipients earning less than the SGA level, (\$700 effective July 1999).

³ Data not available for December 1984, 1985, 1986.

Table 2.—Number of SSI disabled recipients, and number and percentage of SSI disabled working recipients, by state, December 1999

| State | Total SSI disabled ¹ | SSI disabled working recipients ¹ | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| | | Number | Percent |
| Total..... | 5,317,861 | 340,618 | 6.4 |
| Alabama | 132,413 | 3,843 | 2.9 |
| Alaska..... | 6,939 | 522 | 7.5 |
| Arizona | 66,959 | 3,571 | 5.3 |
| Arkansas | 72,891 | 3,427 | 4.7 |
| California | 741,958 | 41,544 | 5.6 |
| Colorado..... | 46,613 | 4,786 | 10.3 |
| Connecticut | 41,509 | 3,886 | 9.4 |
| Delaware | 10,664 | 842 | 7.9 |
| District of Columbia | 17,578 | 704 | 4.0 |
| Florida | 274,949 | 11,094 | 4.0 |
| Georgia..... | 162,467 | 8,244 | 5.1 |
| Hawaii..... | 13,201 | 656 | 5.0 |
| Idaho | 16,305 | 1,729 | 10.6 |
| Illinois | 221,102 | 14,092 | 6.4 |
| Indiana..... | 82,357 | 6,418 | 7.8 |
| Iowa..... | 37,409 | 7,379 | 19.7 |
| Kansas | 33,300 | 4,207 | 12.6 |
| Kentucky..... | 153,452 | 5,091 | 3.3 |
| Louisiana | 142,978 | 5,136 | 3.6 |
| Maine..... | 26,349 | 2,174 | 8.3 |
| Maryland..... | 72,051 | 5,348 | 7.4 |
| Massachusetts | 123,982 | 10,974 | 8.9 |
| Michigan | 193,699 | 16,681 | 8.6 |
| Minnesota | 55,669 | 9,271 | 16.7 |
| Mississippi..... | 107,841 | 3,251 | 3.0 |
| Missouri | 99,069 | 7,574 | 7.6 |
| Montana | 12,668 | 1,681 | 13.3 |
| Nebraska | 19,195 | 3,080 | 16.0 |
| Nevada | 17,708 | 1,192 | 6.7 |
| New Hampshire | 10,732 | 1,335 | 12.4 |
| New Jersey..... | 113,192 | 7,694 | 6.8 |
| New Mexico..... | 37,261 | 1,905 | 5.1 |
| New York | 475,375 | 29,188 | 6.1 |
| North Carolina | 157,157 | 8,319 | 5.3 |
| North Dakota | 7,154 | 1,408 | 19.7 |
| Ohio..... | 228,067 | 18,161 | 8.0 |
| Oklahoma | 61,604 | 3,619 | 5.9 |
| Oregon | 44,335 | 4,263 | 9.6 |
| Pennsylvania | 243,534 | 15,190 | 6.2 |
| Rhode Island | 22,562 | 1,739 | 7.7 |
| South Carolina..... | 90,629 | 5,216 | 5.8 |
| South Dakota..... | 11,136 | 2,187 | 19.6 |
| Tennessee..... | 143,057 | 6,591 | 4.6 |
| Texas | 294,247 | 14,621 | 5.0 |
| Utah..... | 18,314 | 2,305 | 12.6 |
| Vermont..... | 11,244 | 1,131 | 10.1 |
| Virginia | 108,300 | 6,398 | 5.9 |
| Washington | 86,217 | 6,534 | 7.6 |
| West Virginia | 65,503 | 1,989 | 3.0 |
| Wisconsin | 79,102 | 11,645 | 14.7 |
| Wyoming | 5,388 | 768 | 14.3 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 476 | 15 | 3.2 |
| Unknown | 0 | — | — |

¹ Includes 1619(b) participants.

Table 3.—Number of SSI disabled working recipients by section 1619 status, by state, December 1999

| State | Total | SSI disabled working recipients | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | Section 1619(a) | Section 1619(b) | All other workers |
| Total..... | 340,618 | 25,528 | 69,265 | 245,825 |
| Alabama | 3,843 | 399 | 789 | 2,655 |
| Alaska..... | 522 | 35 | 131 | 356 |
| Arizona | 3,571 | 334 | 832 | 2,405 |
| Arkansas | 3,427 | 242 | 658 | 2,527 |
| California | 41,544 | 3,924 | 5,848 | 31,772 |
| Colorado..... | 4,786 | 332 | 1,013 | 3,441 |
| Connecticut | 3,886 | 213 | 979 | 2,694 |
| Delaware | 842 | 71 | 238 | 533 |
| District of Columbia | 704 | 57 | 188 | 459 |
| Florida | 11,094 | 1,046 | 2,686 | 7,362 |
| Georgia..... | 8,244 | 590 | 1,526 | 6,128 |
| Hawaii..... | 656 | 39 | 97 | 520 |
| Idaho | 1,729 | 118 | 373 | 1,238 |
| Illinois | 14,092 | 1,117 | 2,831 | 10,144 |
| Indiana..... | 6,418 | 533 | 1,619 | 4,266 |
| Iowa..... | 7,379 | 376 | 1,675 | 5,328 |
| Kansas | 4,207 | 265 | 953 | 2,989 |
| Kentucky..... | 5,091 | 406 | 1,133 | 3,552 |
| Louisiana | 5,136 | 563 | 1,158 | 3,415 |
| Maine..... | 2,174 | 139 | 524 | 1,511 |
| Maryland..... | 5,348 | 380 | 1,011 | 3,957 |
| Massachusetts | 10,974 | 934 | 3,004 | 7,036 |
| Michigan..... | 16,681 | 1,226 | 3,624 | 11,831 |
| Minnesota..... | 9,271 | 422 | 2,165 | 6,684 |
| Mississippi..... | 3,251 | 339 | 760 | 2,152 |
| Missouri | 7,574 | 421 | 1,457 | 5,696 |
| Montana | 1,681 | 67 | 361 | 1,253 |
| Nebraska | 3,080 | 160 | 609 | 2,311 |
| Nevada | 1,192 | 103 | 245 | 844 |
| New Hampshire | 1,335 | 87 | 383 | 865 |
| New Jersey..... | 7,694 | 422 | 1,479 | 5,793 |
| New Mexico..... | 1,905 | 135 | 389 | 1,381 |
| New York | 29,188 | 2,061 | 4,901 | 22,226 |
| North Carolina | 8,319 | 495 | 1,651 | 6,173 |
| North Dakota | 1,408 | 58 | 276 | 1,074 |
| Ohio..... | 18,161 | 1,380 | 3,541 | 13,240 |
| Oklahoma | 3,619 | 180 | 583 | 2,856 |
| Oregon | 4,263 | 207 | 968 | 3,088 |
| Pennsylvania | 15,190 | 1,143 | 2,935 | 11,112 |
| Rhode Island | 1,739 | 89 | 357 | 1,293 |
| South Carolina..... | 5,216 | 306 | 900 | 4,010 |
| South Dakota..... | 2,187 | 95 | 506 | 1,586 |
| Tennessee..... | 6,591 | 535 | 1,485 | 4,571 |
| Texas | 14,621 | 1,146 | 3,249 | 10,226 |
| Utah..... | 2,305 | 160 | 418 | 1,727 |
| Vermont..... | 1,131 | 102 | 322 | 707 |
| Virginia | 6,398 | 502 | 1,311 | 4,585 |
| Washington | 6,534 | 663 | 1,777 | 4,094 |
| West Virginia | 1,989 | 160 | 378 | 1,451 |
| Wisconsin..... | 11,645 | 704 | 2,787 | 8,154 |
| Wyoming | 768 | 45 | 177 | 546 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 15 | 2 | 5 | 8 |

Table 4.—Number of SSI disabled working recipients, percentage and average earnings, by selected characteristics, December 1999

| Selected characteristics | SSI disabled working recipients ¹ | | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Average earnings |
| Total..... | 340,618 | 100.0 | \$418 |
| Age: | | | |
| Under 18 | 3,844 | 1.1 | \$440 |
| 18–21 | 26,320 | 7.7 | 431 |
| 22–29 | 82,099 | 24.1 | 501 |
| 30–39 | 96,863 | 28.4 | 429 |
| 40–49 | 69,270 | 20.3 | 397 |
| 50–59 | 38,426 | 11.3 | 345 |
| 60–64 | 11,559 | 3.4 | 294 |
| 65 or older | 12,237 | 3.6 | 210 |
| Sex: | | | |
| Male | 181,767 | 53.4 | \$431 |
| Female | 158,851 | 46.6 | 404 |
| Earned Income: ² | | | |
| Wages | 324,219 | 95.2 | \$430 |
| Self-employment | 17,618 | 5.2 | 223 |
| Earning Levels: | | | |
| \$65 or less..... | 92,094 | 27.0 | \$54 |
| \$66–\$99 | 17,061 | 5.0 | 82 |
| \$100–\$199 | 43,224 | 12.7 | 139 |
| \$200–\$299 | 32,897 | 9.7 | 235 |
| \$300–\$399 | 26,495 | 7.8 | 334 |
| \$400–\$499 | 25,395 | 7.5 | 435 |
| \$500–\$599 | 20,146 | 5.9 | 526 |
| \$600–\$699 | 14,979 | 4.4 | 630 |
| \$700–\$799 | 10,357 | 3.0 | 732 |
| \$800–\$899 | 10,249 | 3.0 | 831 |
| \$900–\$999 | 7,987 | 2.3 | 935 |
| \$1,000 or more | 39,734 | 11.7 | 1,482 |
| Unearned Income: ² | | | |
| None..... | 181,875 | 53.4 | \$483 |
| Social security | 135,621 | 39.8 | 320 |
| Other pensions | 3,213 | 0.9 | 257 |
| Assistance based on need | 100 | 0.0 | 488 |
| Interest, dividends, etc | 25,366 | 7.4 | 379 |
| Other | 11,690 | 3.4 | 511 |
| Work Incentives: ² | | | |
| Section 1619(a) | 25,528 | 7.5 | \$928 |
| Section 1619(b) | 69,265 | 20.3 | 980 |
| PASS ³ | 327 | 0.1 | 584 |
| IRWE | 9,520 | 2.8 | 430 |
| BWE | 3,970 | 1.2 | 851 |

¹ Includes section 1619(b) participants.

² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

³ Number of working recipients with a PASS. Data on all recipients with a PASS are in Tables 14–17.

Table 5.—Percent of SSI disabled recipients and workers age 18–64, by diagnosis, December 1999 ¹

| Diagnosis | All disabled recipients | SSI disabled working recipients |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total number | 3,690,970 | 324,537 |
| Total percent ² | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| Neoplasms | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic | 5.6 | 2.1 |
| Mental Disorders: | | |
| Schizophrenia | 10.9 | 9.8 |
| Other psychiatric | 23.0 | 15.2 |
| Mental retardation | 24.5 | 49.3 |
| Diseases of the: | | |
| Nervous system and sense organs ³ | 8.3 | 10.3 |
| Circulatory system | 5.7 | 1.5 |
| Respiratory system | 2.5 | 0.8 |
| Digestive system | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Genito-urinary system | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues | 9.6 | 3.1 |
| Congenital anomalies | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Injury and poisoning | 2.9 | 1.7 |
| Other | 0.9 | 0.7 |

¹ Information on diagnosis of all SSI disabled recipients is based on universe counts for December 1999. Information on diagnosis for section 1619 participants is available from SSI source files.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified on the source files.

³ Most of the disabled workers who are classified as blind individuals are included in this category. A few blind recipients have a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye and are coded in other categories in this table. Also, there are a few recipients classified as having diseases of the eye who are not blind, whose impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Table 6.—Number of SSI disabled recipients age 18–64, percent with earnings, and percent in 1619(b) status, by age, December 1999

| Age | Total SSI disabled (18–64) ¹ | | With earnings | | In 1619(b) status | |
|-------------|---|---------|---------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total..... | 3,758,144 | 100.0 | 324,537 | 8.6 | 67,150 | 1.8 |
| 18–21 | 231,205 | 6.2 | 26,320 | 11.4 | 2,919 | 1.3 |
| 22–29 | 483,787 | 12.9 | 82,099 | 17.0 | 18,024 | 3.7 |
| 30–39 | 776,345 | 20.7 | 96,863 | 12.5 | 22,619 | 2.9 |
| 40–49 | 921,969 | 24.5 | 69,270 | 7.5 | 14,858 | 1.6 |
| 50–59 | 901,291 | 24.0 | 38,426 | 4.3 | 6,734 | 0.7 |
| 60–64 | 443,547 | 11.8 | 11,559 | 2.6 | 1,996 | 0.5 |

¹ Includes section 1619(b) participants.

Table 7.—Number of SSI disabled recipients age 18–64, and number and percentage of section 1619 participants, by state, December 1999

| State ranking | State | Total SSI disabled (18–64) ¹ | Section 1619 participants | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|
| | | | Number | Percent |
| | Total | 3,758,427 | 92,352 | 2.46 |
| 1 | South Dakota | 7,790 | 586 | 7.52 |
| 2 | Iowa | 28,526 | 2,018 | 7.07 |
| 3 | North Dakota | 5,293 | 331 | 6.25 |
| 4 | Minnesota | 41,873 | 2,543 | 6.07 |
| 5 | Wisconsin | 56,433 | 3,427 | 6.07 |
| 6 | New Hampshire | 8,241 | 457 | 5.55 |
| 7 | Nebraska | 14,044 | 750 | 5.34 |
| 8 | Wyoming | 4,105 | 217 | 5.29 |
| 9 | Kansas | 24,210 | 1,183 | 4.89 |
| 10 | Vermont | 8,615 | 417 | 4.84 |
| 11 | Montana | 9,680 | 420 | 4.34 |
| 12 | Delaware | 7,035 | 297 | 4.22 |
| 13 | Utah | 13,496 | 563 | 4.17 |
| 14 | Idaho | 12,058 | 476 | 3.95 |
| 15 | Colorado | 34,515 | 1,313 | 3.80 |
| 16 | Connecticut | 31,260 | 1,176 | 3.76 |
| 17 | Massachusetts | 104,800 | 3,862 | 3.69 |
| 18 | Washington | 65,959 | 2,385 | 3.62 |
| 19 | Indiana | 59,359 | 2,111 | 3.56 |
| 20 | Oregon | 33,878 | 1,147 | 3.39 |
| 21 | Michigan | 141,229 | 4,743 | 3.36 |
| 22 | Maine | 20,681 | 642 | 3.10 |
| 23 | Alaska | 5,405 | 162 | 3.00 |
| 24 | Ohio | 166,462 | 4,818 | 2.89 |
| 25 | Maryland | 49,950 | 1,352 | 2.71 |
| 26 | Rhode Island | 16,633 | 436 | 2.62 |
| 27 | Missouri | 72,260 | 1,832 | 2.54 |
| 28 | Nevada | 13,738 | 337 | 2.45 |
| 29 | Illinois | 157,211 | 3,841 | 2.44 |
| 30 | Northern Mariana Islands | 288 | 7 | 2.43 |
| 31 | Arizona | 46,597 | 1,132 | 2.43 |
| 32 | New Jersey | 77,653 | 1,858 | 2.39 |
| 33 | Virginia | 73,941 | 1,766 | 2.39 |
| 34 | Pennsylvania | 176,394 | 3,971 | 2.25 |
| 35 | Texas | 200,360 | 4,251 | 2.12 |
| 36 | New York | 331,117 | 6,802 | 2.05 |
| 37 | Florida | 176,216 | 3,618 | 2.05 |
| 38 | North Carolina | 103,447 | 2,079 | 2.01 |
| 39 | New Mexico | 25,728 | 510 | 1.98 |
| 40 | South Carolina | 60,248 | 1,178 | 1.96 |
| 41 | District of Columbia | 11,991 | 234 | 1.95 |
| 42 | Tennessee | 102,401 | 1,973 | 1.93 |
| 43 | Georgia | 110,838 | 2,049 | 1.85 |
| 44 | Arkansas | 47,708 | 867 | 1.82 |
| 45 | California | 524,768 | 9,405 | 1.79 |
| 46 | Oklahoma | 42,874 | 750 | 1.75 |
| 47 | Louisiana | 95,699 | 1,673 | 1.75 |
| 48 | Mississippi | 71,760 | 1,069 | 1.49 |
| 49 | Kentucky | 112,764 | 1,492 | 1.32 |
| 50 | Hawaii | 10,216 | 134 | 1.31 |
| 51 | Alabama | 89,798 | 1,160 | 1.29 |
| 52 | West Virginia | 50,599 | 532 | 1.05 |

¹ Includes both SSI blind recipients and section 1619(b) participants.

Table 8.—Number of SSI disabled recipients in September 1999, by program status and earnings in December 1999 ¹

| Program status in September 1999 | Total | Program status in December 1999 | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | | Receiving payments | | | Not receiving payments | | | | | |
| | | Section 1619(a) | Have earnings | No earnings | Ineligible because of earned income | | | | Other excess income | Other non-pay |
| | | | | | Section 1619(b) | No longer eligible | | | | |
| | | | | | | Does not need/use Medicaid | Can pay for equivalent coverage | Both reasons | | |
| Total..... | 5,205,390 | 24,350 | 238,610 | 4,708,950 | 67,800 | 920 | 120 | 500 | 45,120 | 119,020 |
| Receiving payments: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Section 1619(a) | 23,990 | 15,200 | 2,630 | 2,860 | 1,740 | 50 | 0 | 20 | 210 | 1,280 |
| Have earnings | 246,990 | 2,850 | 215,490 | 17,080 | 4,890 | 110 | 0 | 20 | 1,970 | 4,580 |
| No earnings | 4,863,640 | 3,520 | 17,800 | 4,683,160 | 9,100 | 160 | 30 | 90 | 40,160 | 109,620 |
| Not receiving payments: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Section 1619(b) | 70,770 | 2,780 | 2,690 | 5,850 | 52,070 | 600 | 90 | 370 | 2,780 | 3,540 |

¹ Based on 10-percent sample files.

SECTION B:
SECTION 1619 PARTICIPANTS

Table 9.—Number of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants for selected months, 1982–1999

| At end of selected month | 1619(a) participants | | 1619(b) participants ¹ | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Number | Percentage change over prior period | Number | Percentage change over prior period |
| December: ² | | | | |
| 1982 | 287 | — | 5,515 | — |
| 1983 | 392 | — | 5,165 | — |
| 1987 | 14,559 | — | 15,632 | — |
| 1988 | 19,920 | 36.8 | 15,625 | 0.0 |
| 1989 | 25,655 | 28.8 | 18,254 | 16.8 |
| 1990 | 13,994 | -45.5 | 23,517 | 28.8 |
| 1991 | 15,531 | 11.0 | 27,264 | 15.9 |
| 1992 | 17,603 | 13.3 | 31,649 | 16.1 |
| 1993 | 20,028 | 13.8 | 35,299 | 11.5 |
| 1994 | 24,315 | 21.4 | 40,683 | 15.3 |
| 1995 | 28,060 | 15.4 | 47,002 | 15.5 |
| 1996 | 31,085 | 10.8 | 51,905 | 10.4 |
| 1997 | 34,673 | 11.5 | 57,089 | 10.0 |
| 1998 | 37,271 | 7.5 | 59,542 | 4.3 |
| 1999 | 25,528 | -31.5 | 69,265 | 16.3 |
| 1997 | | | | |
| March | 31,146 | 0.2 | 48,194 | -7.1 |
| June..... | 32,954 | 5.8 | 52,646 | 9.2 |
| September..... | 33,496 | 1.6 | 56,872 | 8.0 |
| December..... | 34,673 | 3.5 | 57,089 | 0.4 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| March | 34,637 | -0.1 | 54,639 | -4.3 |
| June..... | 35,528 | 2.6 | 55,761 | 2.1 |
| September..... | 37,216 | 4.8 | 58,183 | 4.3 |
| December..... | 37,271 | 0.1 | 59,542 | 2.3 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| March | 39,457 | 5.9 | 63,431 | 6.5 |
| June..... | 23,304 | -40.9 | 66,939 | 5.5 |
| September..... | 23,914 | 2.6 | 70,580 | 5.4 |
| December..... | 25,528 | 6.7 | 69,265 | -1.9 |

¹ Includes blind participants. For December 1999, of the 69,265 participants, 1,197 were blind.

² Data not available for December 1984, 1985, 1986.

NOTE: In January 1990, the SGA level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This is reflected in the decrease shown for 1990. In July 1999, the SGA level was further increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.

Table 10.—Number of section 1619(a) participants and average earnings, by state, for selected months, 1998–1999

| State | December 1998 | | September 1999 | | December 1999 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Number | Average earnings | Number | Average earnings | Number | Average earnings |
| Total..... | 37,271 | \$772 | 23,914 | \$918 | 25,528 | \$928 |
| Alabama | 484 | \$769 | 331 | \$895 | 399 | \$901 |
| Alaska..... | 61 | 746 | 40 | 926 | 35 | 940 |
| Arizona | 433 | 756 | 267 | 887 | 334 | 914 |
| Arkansas | 317 | 770 | 210 | 878 | 242 | 903 |
| California | 5,282 | 829 | 3,801 | 1,003 | 3,924 | 1,013 |
| Colorado..... | 425 | 751 | 305 | 897 | 332 | 905 |
| Connecticut | 421 | 716 | 214 | 872 | 213 | 903 |
| Delaware | 102 | 744 | 56 | 904 | 71 | 908 |
| District of Columbia | 96 | 722 | 63 | 877 | 57 | 892 |
| Florida | 1,570 | 745 | 948 | 889 | 1,046 | 898 |
| Georgia..... | 892 | 749 | 548 | 885 | 590 | 892 |
| Hawaii..... | 70 | 743 | 39 | 919 | 39 | 924 |
| Idaho | 196 | 775 | 108 | 889 | 118 | 919 |
| Illinois | 1,723 | 765 | 1,043 | 889 | 1,117 | 910 |
| Indiana..... | 800 | 762 | 458 | 904 | 533 | 919 |
| Iowa..... | 583 | 751 | 326 | 886 | 376 | 894 |
| Kansas | 421 | 762 | 266 | 900 | 265 | 903 |
| Kentucky..... | 561 | 767 | 386 | 913 | 406 | 922 |
| Louisiana | 660 | 765 | 533 | 888 | 563 | 893 |
| Maine..... | 189 | 765 | 119 | 908 | 139 | 914 |
| Maryland..... | 557 | 735 | 352 | 880 | 380 | 892 |
| Massachusetts | 1,412 | 782 | 886 | 934 | 934 | 945 |
| Michigan..... | 1,814 | 773 | 1,124 | 907 | 1,226 | 922 |
| Minnesota..... | 649 | 753 | 417 | 884 | 422 | 895 |
| Mississippi..... | 423 | 786 | 294 | 894 | 339 | 900 |
| Missouri | 643 | 763 | 374 | 899 | 421 | 911 |
| Montana | 110 | 737 | 69 | 905 | 67 | 901 |
| Nebraska | 253 | 747 | 163 | 890 | 160 | 899 |
| Nevada..... | 135 | 772 | 83 | 885 | 103 | 901 |
| New Hampshire | 110 | 774 | 74 | 900 | 87 | 954 |
| New Jersey..... | 652 | 764 | 432 | 918 | 422 | 915 |
| New Mexico..... | 232 | 741 | 139 | 879 | 135 | 893 |
| New York..... | 2,999 | 775 | 1,935 | 929 | 2,061 | 932 |
| North Carolina | 768 | 752 | 450 | 881 | 495 | 898 |
| North Dakota | 84 | 742 | 44 | 851 | 58 | 904 |
| Ohio..... | 2,112 | 760 | 1,308 | 892 | 1,380 | 915 |
| Oklahoma..... | 345 | 737 | 168 | 890 | 180 | 902 |
| Oregon | 366 | 771 | 183 | 888 | 207 | 901 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,652 | 766 | 1,079 | 911 | 1,143 | 922 |
| Rhode Island | 145 | 798 | 105 | 937 | 89 | 932 |
| South Carolina..... | 467 | 756 | 301 | 889 | 306 | 900 |
| South Dakota..... | 137 | 755 | 86 | 895 | 95 | 897 |
| Tennessee..... | 719 | 771 | 488 | 896 | 535 | 902 |
| Texas | 1,728 | 761 | 1,086 | 893 | 1,146 | 899 |
| Utah..... | 258 | 729 | 151 | 886 | 160 | 895 |
| Vermont..... | 136 | 787 | 114 | 962 | 102 | 980 |
| Virginia | 696 | 748 | 450 | 900 | 502 | 909 |
| Washington | 1,042 | 788 | 626 | 917 | 663 | 927 |
| West Virginia | 239 | 770 | 145 | 910 | 160 | 923 |
| Wisconsin..... | 1,044 | 754 | 674 | 908 | 704 | 916 |
| Wyoming | 56 | 782 | 52 | 884 | 45 | 906 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 2 | 775 | 1 | 1,029 | 2 | 914 |

Table 11.—Number of section 1619(b) participants and average earnings, by state, for selected months, 1998–1999

| State | December 1998 | | September 1999 | | December 1999 | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Number | Average earnings | Number | Average earnings | Number | Average earnings |
| Total..... | 59,542 | \$954 | 70,580 | \$1,002 | 69,265 | \$980 |
| Alabama | 722 | \$1,110 | 907 | 1,109 | 789 | 1,089 |
| Alaska ¹ | 117 | 977 | 134 | 1,001 | 131 | 933 |
| Arizona | 729 | 946 | 883 | 1,036 | 832 | 1,000 |
| Arkansas | 587 | 880 | 701 | 938 | 658 | 892 |
| California | 5,160 | 1,163 | 5,835 | 1,249 | 5,848 | 1,225 |
| Colorado..... | 942 | 965 | 1,063 | 994 | 1,013 | 989 |
| Connecticut ¹ | 820 | 861 | 947 | 908 | 979 | 866 |
| Delaware | 194 | 939 | 266 | 1,051 | 238 | 1,001 |
| District of Columbia | 146 | 1,077 | 185 | 1,143 | 188 | 1,176 |
| Florida | 2,192 | 945 | 2,809 | 1,054 | 2,686 | 1,026 |
| Georgia..... | 1,206 | 920 | 1,573 | 992 | 1,526 | 972 |
| Hawaii ¹ | 77 | 945 | 92 | 857 | 97 | 904 |
| Idaho ¹ | 342 | 913 | 391 | 844 | 373 | 930 |
| Illinois ¹ | 2,409 | 989 | 2,880 | 1,024 | 2,831 | 1,004 |
| Indiana ¹ | 1,451 | 911 | 1,704 | 918 | 1,619 | 890 |
| Iowa..... | 1,497 | 748 | 1,648 | 787 | 1,675 | 794 |
| Kansas ¹ | 850 | 899 | 1,009 | 893 | 953 | 869 |
| Kentucky..... | 965 | 1,063 | 1,166 | 1,102 | 1,133 | 1,036 |
| Louisiana..... | 1,005 | 916 | 1,280 | 950 | 1,158 | 892 |
| Maine..... | 455 | 842 | 514 | 868 | 524 | 853 |
| Maryland..... | 789 | 931 | 1,059 | 1,039 | 1,011 | 992 |
| Massachusetts | 2,648 | 1,062 | 3,046 | 1,076 | 3,004 | 1,059 |
| Michigan..... | 3,078 | 949 | 3,625 | 994 | 3,624 | 994 |
| Minnesota ¹ | 1,866 | 840 | 2,146 | 867 | 2,165 | 867 |
| Mississippi..... | 682 | 1,104 | 791 | 1,147 | 760 | 1,103 |
| Missouri ¹ | 1,294 | 801 | 1,477 | 861 | 1,457 | 821 |
| Montana | 310 | 687 | 335 | 752 | 361 | 754 |
| Nebraska ¹ | 516 | 781 | 622 | 822 | 609 | 819 |
| Nevada ¹ | 203 | 941 | 244 | 1,001 | 245 | 966 |
| New Hampshire ¹ | 330 | 857 | 370 | 841 | 383 | 859 |
| New Jersey..... | 1,172 | 1,082 | 1,490 | 1,167 | 1,479 | 1,098 |
| New Mexico..... | 327 | 853 | 398 | 910 | 389 | 901 |
| New York..... | 4,096 | 1,062 | 5,053 | 1,110 | 4,901 | 1,106 |
| North Carolina..... | 1,387 | 920 | 1,734 | 965 | 1,651 | 934 |
| North Dakota ¹ | 260 | 819 | 277 | 849 | 276 | 808 |
| Ohio ¹ | 2,923 | 919 | 3,532 | 964 | 3,541 | 967 |
| Oklahoma ¹ | 489 | 826 | 555 | 829 | 583 | 832 |
| Oregon ¹ | 880 | 856 | 975 | 852 | 968 | 840 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 2,463 | 883 | 3,012 | 940 | 2,935 | 900 |
| Rhode Island | 267 | 966 | 345 | 1,033 | 357 | 987 |
| South Carolina..... | 684 | 880 | 932 | 976 | 900 | 908 |
| South Dakota..... | 428 | 831 | 472 | 774 | 506 | 761 |
| Tennessee..... | 1,312 | 1,043 | 1,489 | 1,073 | 1,485 | 1,069 |
| Texas..... | 2,872 | 900 | 3,392 | 960 | 3,249 | 912 |
| Utah ¹ | 430 | 877 | 428 | 849 | 418 | 853 |
| Vermont..... | 262 | 828 | 293 | 829 | 322 | 851 |
| Virginia ¹ | 1,188 | 894 | 1,334 | 904 | 1,311 | 887 |
| Washington | 1,576 | 970 | 1,826 | 1,014 | 1,777 | 1,010 |
| West Virginia | 310 | 986 | 390 | 1,116 | 378 | 1,116 |
| Wisconsin..... | 2,473 | 865 | 2,754 | 898 | 2,787 | 872 |
| Wyoming | 158 | 700 | 190 | 769 | 177 | 824 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 3 | 1,483 | 7 | 875 | 5 | 832 |

¹ The Social Security Administration identifies persons as potential participants, final Medicaid determinations are made by the State.

Table 12.—Number and average earnings of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants, by selected characteristics of participants, December 1999

| Selected characteristics | 1619(a) participants | | 1619(b) participants | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Number | Average earnings | Number | Average earnings |
| Total..... | 25,528 | \$928 | 69,265 | \$980 |
| Age: | | | | |
| Under 18 | 232 | \$865 | 369 | ¹ |
| 18–21 | 2,794 | 908 | 2,919 | \$1,176 |
| 22–29 | 8,585 | 919 | 18,024 | 1,087 |
| 30–39 | 7,186 | 936 | 22,619 | 939 |
| 40–49 | 4,356 | 942 | 14,858 | 934 |
| 50–59 | 1,904 | 939 | 6,734 | 924 |
| 60–64 | 377 | 956 | 1,996 | 801 |
| 65 or older | 94 | 912 | 1,746 | 767 |
| Sex: | | | | |
| Male | 14,416 | \$934 | 37,633 | \$1,010 |
| Female | 11,112 | 920 | 31,632 | 945 |
| Earned Income: ² | | | | |
| Wages | 25,209 | \$928 | 67,958 | \$983 |
| Self-employment | 446 | 902 | 1,786 | 912 |
| Earning Levels: | | | | |
| Less than \$400..... | — | — | 11,159 | \$267 |
| \$400–\$499 | — | — | 7,345 | 437 |
| \$500–\$599 | — | — | 6,778 | 526 |
| \$600–\$699 | — | — | 5,063 | 630 |
| \$700–\$899 | 11,541 | 796 | 6,535 | 781 |
| \$900–\$1,199 | 12,377 | 999 | 8,736 | 1,042 |
| \$1,200 or more | 1,606 | 1,329 | 23,649 | 1,722 |
| Unearned Income: ² | | | | |
| None..... | 22,708 | \$931 | 24,227 | \$1,443 |
| Social security | 636 | 856 | 41,383 | 674 |
| Other pensions | 45 | 908 | 553 | 780 |
| Assistance based on need | 4 | 907 | 24 | 1,089 |
| Interest, dividends, etc | 1,591 | 928 | 4,887 | 865 |
| Other | 658 | 880 | 3,107 | 1,121 |
| Work Incentives: ² | | | | |
| PASS ³ | 96 | \$1,165 | 0 | \$0 |
| IRWE | 893 | 961 | 1,600 | 876 |
| BWE | 10 | 1,477 | 693 | 1,184 |

¹ Data not available.

² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

³ Includes 7 persons with PASS plans which exclude only resources.

Table 13.—Percent of SSI disabled recipients and section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants age 18–64, by diagnosis, December 1999 ¹

| Diagnosis | All disabled recipients | 1619(a) participants | 1619(b) participants |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total number | 3,690,970 | 25,202 | 67,150 |
| Total percent ² | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| Neoplasms | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic | 5.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| Mental Disorders: | | | |
| Schizophrenia | 10.9 | 9.7 | 11.5 |
| Other psychiatric | 23.0 | 20.8 | 21.5 |
| Mental retardation | 24.5 | 43.7 | 37.2 |
| Diseases of the: | | | |
| Nervous system and sense organs ³ | 8.3 | 12.0 | 12.3 |
| Circulatory system | 5.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Respiratory system | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Digestive system | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Genito-urinary system | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues | 9.6 | 3.5 | 4.9 |
| Congenital anomalies | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Injury and poisoning | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| Other | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 |

¹ Information on diagnosis of all SSI disabled recipients is based on universe counts for December 1999. Information on diagnosis for section 1619 participants is available from SSI source files.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified on the source files.

³ Most of the section 1619(b) participants who are classified as blind individuals are included in this category. A few section 1619(b) blind participants have a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye and are coded in other categories in this table. Also, there are a few participants classified as having diseases of the eye who are not blind, whose impairment does not meet the definition of blindness, and are classified as disabled.

**SECTION C:
OTHER WORK INCENTIVE
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

Table 14.—Number of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by state, December 1999

| State | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹ | Impairment related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Total..... | 1,045 | 9,520 | 3,971 |
| Alabama | 16 | 189 | 45 |
| Alaska | 1 | 24 | 1 |
| Arizona | 8 | 102 | 40 |
| Arkansas | 9 | 92 | 51 |
| California | 202 | 765 | 538 |
| Colorado | 23 | 42 | 45 |
| Connecticut | 3 | 147 | 41 |
| Delaware | 0 | 39 | 8 |
| District of Columbia | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Florida | 34 | 449 | 136 |
| Georgia..... | 23 | 482 | 77 |
| Hawaii..... | 3 | 17 | 12 |
| Idaho | 2 | 16 | 7 |
| Illinois | 6 | 363 | 98 |
| Indiana..... | 4 | 188 | 57 |
| Iowa..... | 17 | 65 | 94 |
| Kansas | 19 | 309 | 40 |
| Kentucky..... | 31 | 138 | 62 |
| Louisiana | 5 | 135 | 72 |
| Maine..... | 18 | 53 | 25 |
| Maryland..... | 33 | 307 | 44 |
| Massachusetts | 47 | 266 | 300 |
| Michigan | 41 | 341 | 131 |
| Minnesota..... | 45 | 169 | 93 |
| Mississippi..... | 7 | 59 | 75 |
| Missouri | 16 | 254 | 73 |
| Montana | 19 | 12 | 13 |
| Nebraska..... | 10 | 66 | 21 |
| Nevada | 5 | 29 | 20 |
| New Hampshire | 4 | 29 | 6 |
| New Jersey..... | 37 | 229 | 70 |
| New Mexico..... | 7 | 133 | 16 |
| New York | 77 | 733 | 321 |
| North Carolina | 17 | 410 | 146 |
| North Dakota | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Ohio..... | 44 | 197 | 166 |
| Oklahoma..... | 1 | 102 | 17 |
| Oregon | 7 | 39 | 60 |
| Pennsylvania | 27 | 514 | 203 |
| Rhode Island | 4 | 15 | 15 |
| South Carolina..... | 8 | 118 | 68 |
| South Dakota..... | 5 | 35 | 3 |
| Tennessee | 15 | 221 | 81 |
| Texas..... | 34 | 370 | 232 |
| Utah..... | 2 | 63 | 19 |
| Vermont..... | 11 | 9 | 8 |
| Virginia | 27 | 592 | 95 |
| Washington | 7 | 133 | 75 |
| West Virginia | 5 | 29 | 22 |
| Wisconsin..... | 50 | 413 | 114 |
| Wyoming | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 |

¹ Includes 120 persons with PASS plans which exclude only resources.

Table 15.—Number of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by selected characteristics of the worker, December 1999

| Selected characteristics | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹ | Impairment related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Total..... | 1,045 | 9,520 | 3,971 |
| Age: | | | |
| Under 18 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| 18–21 | 55 | 474 | 198 |
| 22–29 | 207 | 3,077 | 975 |
| 30–39 | 333 | 3,139 | 1,311 |
| 40–49 | 297 | 1,683 | 859 |
| 50–59 | 125 | 767 | 426 |
| 60–64 | 14 | 222 | 104 |
| 65 or older | 6 | 147 | 89 |
| Sex: | | | |
| Male | 478 | 5,113 | 2,202 |
| Female | 567 | 4,407 | 1,769 |
| Earned Income: ² | | | |
| Wages | 310 | 9,458 | 3,841 |
| Self-employment | 44 | 94 | 156 |
| Earning Levels: | | | |
| \$65 or less..... | 698 | 0 | 1 |
| \$66–\$99 | 18 | 988 | 262 |
| \$100–\$199 | 13 | 539 | 112 |
| \$200–\$299 | 37 | 1,609 | 356 |
| \$300–\$399 | 27 | 1,342 | 302 |
| \$400–\$499 | 41 | 1,071 | 274 |
| \$500–\$599 | 38 | 1,022 | 255 |
| \$600–\$699 | 43 | 757 | 245 |
| \$700–\$799 | 25 | 535 | 206 |
| \$800–\$899 | 17 | 339 | 182 |
| \$900–\$999 | 23 | 533 | 382 |
| \$1,000 or more | 65 | 785 | 1,394 |
| Unearned Income: ² | | | |
| None..... | 199 | 4,644 | 2,112 |
| Social security | 802 | 4,196 | 1,535 |
| Other pensions | 16 | 82 | 21 |
| Assistance based on need | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest, dividends, etc | 82 | 847 | 385 |
| Other | 47 | 291 | 165 |

¹ Includes 120 persons with PASS plans which exclude only resources.

² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

Table 16.—Percent of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by diagnosis, December 1999

| Diagnosis | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹ | Impairment related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| Total number | 1,045 | 9,520 | 3,971 |
| Total percent ² | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 1.3 | 2.1 | 0.9 |
| Neoplasms | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic | 2.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Mental Disorders: | | | |
| Schizophrenia | 11.6 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| Other psychiatric | 31.3 | 7.7 | 0.4 |
| Mental retardation | 5.0 | 66.0 | 2.2 |
| Diseases of the: | | | |
| Nervous system and sense organs ³ | 20.8 | 12.1 | 91.6 |
| Circulatory system | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Respiratory system | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Digestive system | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Genito-urinary system | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues | 6.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Congenital anomalies | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Injury and poisoning | 13.5 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
| Other | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 |

¹ Includes 120 persons with PASS plans which exclude only resources.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified on the source files.

³ Most of the disabled workers who are classified as blind individuals are included in this category. A few blind participants have a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye and are coded in other categories in this table. Also, there are a few participants classified as having diseases of the eye who are not blind, whose impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Table 17.—Percent distribution of persons with income excluded under specified work incentive provisions, by amount excluded, December 1999

| Amount excluded | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹ | Impairment related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Total number | 925 | 9,520 | 3,971 |
| Total percent..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$25..... | 0.4 | 21.7 | 15.2 |
| \$25–\$49 | 1.4 | 27.6 | 9.6 |
| \$50–\$99 | 2.5 | 29.6 | 16.7 |
| \$100–\$199 | 10.7 | 14.5 | 17.7 |
| \$200–\$299 | 13.7 | 3.6 | 13.1 |
| \$300–\$499 | 33.1 | 2.0 | 14.4 |
| \$500–\$999 | 35.1 | 0.8 | 10.9 |
| \$1,000 and Over..... | 3.0 | 0.2 | 2.5 |

¹ Data does not include PASS plans which exclude only resources.

APPENDIX

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| Blind Work Expense Exclusion (BWE): | (Public Law 92–603, effective January 1974)—Permits the exclusion of any earned income of a blind person which is used to meet any expenses reasonably attributable to earning the income. |
| Continuation of Payments: | (Public Law 96–265, effective December 1980)—Provides for the continuation of SSI (also SSDI) payments to disabled individuals after their disability ceased, due to medical recovery, if they are participating in approved vocational rehabilitation plans and SSA determines that completion of the program will increase the chances of permanent removal from the disability rolls. The provision assists individuals whose medical improvement occurs before completion of vocational training. This provision was extended to SSI recipients whose eligibility was based on blindness by Public Law 100–203, effective April 1988. |
| Earned Income Exclusion: | (Public Law 92–603, effective January 1974)—The first \$65 of a recipient's monthly earnings and one-half of the earnings in excess of \$65 are excluded in computing the SSI benefit payable. |
| Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE): | (Public Law 96–265, effective December 1980)—Provides for the exclusion from earnings of the costs of items and services which are needed in order to work and are paid for by the individual. These IRWE's are excluded from earnings used in the determination of SGA and earned income used to compute ongoing SSI monthly payments. Beginning December 1990, the IRWE exclusions are also applied in the determination of income for purposes of initial SSI eligibility. |
| Plan for Achieving Self-support (PASS): | (Public Law 92–603, effective January 1974)—Permits a disabled or blind SSI recipient who has an approved PASS to set aside earned or unearned income and resources for a work goal. The income or resources set aside are used to pay for goods or services needed to reach the goal, such as education, vocational training, starting a business, or purchasing work related equipment. Income and resources set aside under a PASS are excluded from SSI income and resources tests but do not influence the determination of ability to engage in SGA. |
| Section 1619(a): | (Public Law 96–265, effective January 1981; made permanent by Public Law 99–643, effective July 1987)—Provides special SSI cash benefits to disabled individuals who lose eligibility for SSI payments under the regular rules because they have earnings at the level that is ordinarily considered to represent substantial gainful activity. |

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| Section 1619(b): | (Public Law 96–265, effective January 1981; made permanent by Public Law 99–643, effective July 1987)—Provides special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for cash payments. |
| Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): | (Public Law 92–603, effective January 1974)—Is the performance of significant physical and/or mental activities in work for pay or profit, or in work of a type generally performed for pay or profit. Because earnings provide an objective and feasible measure of work, an employee's earnings and a self-employed individual's earnings and/or activity are used as the measure of SGA. The current SGA level is \$700. |
| Treatment of Sheltered Workshop Earnings: | (Public Law 96–265, effective September 1980)—Provides that remuneration for services performed in sheltered workshops or activities centers would be treated as earned income. This change made it possible to apply the earned income exclusion to earnings that previously were subject to the general income exclusion i.e., the first \$20 and a dollar-for-dollar offset thereafter. |
| Use of Multiple Provisions: | An individual may benefit from more than one of the work incentive provisions. For example, he or she may receive special cash payments under Section 1619 and have income excluded under a PASS. Other combinations are also possible, but it is not possible to have both IRWE and BWE. |